COMMANDER'S CORNER



Greetings to all the 6X soldiers, civilians, and families. It has continued to be a great time to be in the Brigade serving our soldiers, their families, and our country. We have been extremely busy preparing for accreditation from TRADOC. This is a once every 3 year inspection of our institution. Much like any civilian university, we must be accredited to validate our curriculum, instructor certifications, facilities, and administrative programs that support our day to day mission. The inspection team from TRADOC will be here for two weeks looking at a myriad of areas throughout the Brigade. This includes forums with the Cadre and students to get feedback on many of our programs. The leaders and staff have been working diligently and I am confident the inspection team will get an opportunity to see what great instructors, facilities, and programs the 6th ADA BDE provides to our young men and women in training.

In addition to accreditation, 6X has continued to do well on the athletic fields. Our combatives soldiers had a great opportunity to compete at the Army level in FT Benning and did a great job representing themselves and the Brigade. Additionally, the BDE swimmers took first place in the post swim meet and the BDE runners placed 2d in the post 10KM run. The BDE continues to enjoy a large point lead for the commander's trophy. Well Done!

We also completed a very successful iteration of the Growing Spouses Army Strong (GSAS). This is a joint effort with the 428 FA BDE and was very well attended by our 6X cadre and CCC spouses. Although new to 6X, we intend to make this a premier event for our spouses and prepare for the next cycle with our NOV CCC class.

Heart of the Branch!

Sincerely, COL Bill and Brigitte Stacey



6th Air Defense Artillery Brigade

The Heart of the Branch

October 2010



October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

It is not too early to prepare to observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which is observed during October. Find out what your local community and installation are doing to observe DVAM by contacting your Family Advocacy Program and Victim Advocates at MilitaryHOMEFRONT http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/pls /psgprod/f?p=MI:ENTRY:398167547814941. To locate military-specific domestic abuse resources and public service announcements, visit Military One- Source at www.militaryonesource.com and links to DVAM resources are available on the Military Community and Family Policy Web page at

http://cs.mhf.dod.mil/content/dav/mhf/QO LLibrary/

MHF/257445.html To speak with a DoD Victim Advocate, contact Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647. The National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline is 1-800-4-A-CHILD (422-4453).

Jumpstart's Read for the Record

Jumpstart's Read for the Record began in 2006. Over the past three years, TRADOC and United States Army Air Defense Artillery Schoolhouse (USAADASCH) joined in reading classic stories: Corduroy (2008), and The Very Hungry Caterpillar (2009) to raise awareness and bring attention to the importance of early education.

On October 7, 2010 42 Air Defense Artillery families (67 children) participated in the Read for the Record as BG Roger and Connie Mathews read "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats at Nye Library helping to create the largest shared reading experience in history!



FRSA Notes

The FRG Leader Forum is an online community of leaders. As the website states ...

"The FRG Leader forum is BY and FOR those serving in a FRG Leader role. This forum provides like-minded individuals the opportunity to share new ideas and lessons learned improving leadership skills and family readiness programs. FRG Leader is more than just a resource for FRG Leaders; its value comes from Leaders connecting with each other and sharing their experiences and hard-earned knowledge. We invite you to participate and join the conversation!"

If you don't have an account on the FRG Leader forum yet, stop now; open a new tab on your Internet browser, and type in http://FRGLeader.army.mil. Create your account now! You'll be so glad once you see all of the amazing resources there.

The FRG Leader forum is made up of FRG Leaders from across the globe, sharing their successes as well as their lessons learned. You will find tons of great discussions and enjoy an atmosphere of support and encouragement. One of the best features is that everything posted on the site is yours to use! FRG Meeting agendas, newsletter examples, checklists, articles, certificates ... all are yours to download, put your own unit crest on it and it's yours! Not only is there no copyright on any original work, the authors (FRG Leaders who created these items for their own FRGs) want you to use what they've labored over.

The FRG Leader forum has recently branched out and created shared spaces for Senior FRG Advisors (at the battalion level or higher) and Family Readiness Support Assistants (FRSAs) as well, so please share these with your unit.

Finally, I wish you the best of luck as you take on the challenging yet rewarding task of leading an FRG. Thank you for your service to our Soldiers and Families!

Some Website Links for You:

- http://frgleader.army.mil/
- http://frsa.army.mil/
- http://senioradvisor.army.mil/
- FRG Leader Training at Army OneSource



Recent FRG Fundraising Q & A

Can FRGs conduct Pay your Rank Casual Friday or Civilian clothes Days?

"Leaves and passes or other official benefits will not be auctioned off, raffled off, etc. Groups are strictly prohibited from offering military benefits to individuals involved in fund raising, such as passes, training holidays, or authorized wear of civilian clothes during the duty day as an incentive or reward for their donation or participation in fund raising."

This guidance is in both Fort Sill 608-2, section 1-7, para 5(i) and the Join Ethics Regulation.

Army Family Action Plan Conference

Is there an issue or problem in your Community or unit you think leadership is unaware of that could be fixed or changed? Do you have a problem that could be solved but don't know where to go to or who to ask for help? Don't think you are powerless! The Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) gives you the means to tell the Army what your concerns are and what you think should be done to address those concerns. The AFAP is an Army-wide program that seeks to improve the quality of life for military Families. Fort Sill's AFAP Conference is scheduled for 18-20 October from 8:30-4:30 at the Resiliency Training Support Center. This is your chance to have a voice for concerns or to recommend changes. ACS is also looking for participants to be delegates at the conference. For more information call (580)442-4916.

Issue Submission Process

Title

Scope

Recommendation

When you submit an issue, include your name and a phone number or email address. This will give us a way to contact you for more information or to let you know what happened with your issue.

Patriot Spouse Club (PSC)

STRONG AND PROUD! The PSC is a non-profit service organization that unites Fort Sill spouses to foster friendship and support social, cultural, educational and community projects that benefit our membership, the United States military and the Fort Sill/Lawton community. We provide a place where spouses can come and meet others who share the same lifestyle, who understand the unique position of being the husband or wife of a soldier or government civilian, and who will welcome a new member of their community with empathy and appreciation

9 NOVEMBER - Wine 101 and Holiday Entertaining on a Budget

14 DECEMBER - Frosty Festival and Holiday Tree Auction

11 JANUARY - Chinese New Year Celebration and White Elephant Opportunity

Register and Request Your Ballot Now!



All members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who have not registered or requested an absentee ballot this year, should do so as soon as possible. To register or request an absentee ballot use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

Go to the FPCA website for instructions. Click on your state on the map and follow the instructions to register and request an absentee ballot. Some states allow submitting the FPCA by fax or e-mail in addition to regular mail. If your state allows an electronic alternative to mailing the form, FVAP recommends you use that option. Send your FPCA NOW to your election office to ensure you have enough time to receive, vote, and return the ballot! For more information, contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program at: www.fvap.gov, 1-800- 438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584 or at vote@fvap.gov. Click here for toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries.

Kids Corner



TUTOR.COM: 24/7 On-Demand Access to Tutoring and Homework Help

Established in 1998, **Tutor.com** is the number one online tutoring and homework help service our tutors are a click away 24 hours a day. Homework help, test-prep, educational resources, term paper review – Tutor.com does it all in over 16 core academic subjects as well as AP* level and introductory college courses. Tutor.com empowers students to get help whenever they need it, in any subject so they can get on with their life.

Our Services:

Tutor.com offers families individual accounts with access to our tutors 24/7. Institutions may choose to offer the Tutor.com Learning Suite which includes a K-12 Student Center, College Center and Adult Career Center. Each Center includes Live Homework Help® or LiveTutor™, one-to-one tutoring; ProofPoint™, real-time writing help; and, the 24/7 SkillsCenter™ Resource

Library with thousands of vetted materials searchable by subject and keyword.

How it Works:

The minute a student needs help with homework, studying for an exam, or simply wants to review concepts learned in class, he or she enters their grade level and subject. In just a few minutes, the appropriate tutor connects to the student inside the secure online classroom. The student and tutor chat using instant messaging, draw problems on an interactive whiteboard,

share a file to review essays and papers and browse educational resources on the Web together. With individual accounts, sessions are saved so that students and parents can review them at any time.

Grade Levels: Consumers: 4th – 12th grades. Students taking introductory college courses. Institutions: K-12, college courses and adults returning to school or searching for a job

Subjects: Math: Elementary, Mid-Level, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, and

Statistics **Science**: Elementary, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics **English**: Elementary, Essay Writing, Book Reports, Grammar **Social Studies**: American History, World History, Political Science **Resume Help, GED Prep** and **Citizenship Test Help** is available for adults using our services through institutions. En Espanol, bi-lingual support in all subjects is available.

Hours: Tutors are available in all subjects 24/7. Institutions choose their hours.

Pricing: FREE to Army Military Families

<u>Sesame Street Family Connections</u> Website

Sesame Street is pleased to announce the launch of their latest resource for military families, the Sesame Street Family Connections' website at

http://www.sesamestreetfamilyconnections.org/login/

Sesame Street Family Connections is a bilingual (English and Spanish), child-centered online space where both children and adults can interact and stay connected when distance makes everyday communication difficult. With the help of their favorite Sesame Street friends, family members can compose encouraging messages to each other, share artwork and videos, upload photos, and get answers to some questions they may have but did not know how to ask. Sesame Street Family Connections will serve as the common and private online place to keep military families connected across the globe.



Headquarters Headquarters Battery "Headhunters"

The Headhunters family welcomes four little ones to the clan. SSG Neptune gave birth to Christal Bryanna, 7lbs 4oz and 19 in long. SGT Cabrea gave birth to Michelle Alexis, 7lbs 6oz and 20 in long. SSG Miller's wife, Kelley gave birth to Noah, 7lbs 8ozs and 20.5 in long. SGT Benatti's wife, Jihye gave birth to Rachel Anna, 7lbs 3ozs and 18 in long. All were delivered at Reynolds Army Community Hospital and each family is enjoying time with their latest family member. The FRG held a pie toss auction in which the BDE CSM, Battery XO and 2-6 Ops SGM were the unlucky targets. Fun was enjoyed by all at this successful fundraising event. The FRG was able to raise a whopping \$607. Lastly, the next FRG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12 Oct at 1800 at the RECPLEX.

CSM Bryan Pinkney



1LT Howard McCollum Jr.

MSG Christopher Moore





1-56 ADA BN "Night Hides Not!"



Commander: LTC John Wanat Acting CSM: MSG Diana Morris

FRG Advisor/Leader: Michelle Niedert michtj2000@yahoo.com

The Family Readiness Group is the heart of a unit! As the fall began, September was a month of kickoffs from the football season to the various clubs and fall events in and around Fort Sill!

Looking for a social network? Try the Fort Sill PATRIOT Spouses club! http://www.fortsillpsc.org/Get-Involved.html http://www.fortsillpsc.org/Get-Involved.html The PATRIOT Spouses club kicked off its membership drive 30 August; however, sign-up occurs all through the year. For permanent party spouses the dues annual membership dues are \$20 annually, for student spouses the membership dues are \$5. All proceeds go to a scholarship fund. The next event is an Oktoberfest dinner! (Details on the above website)

The Charlie Battery 1-56 ADA Change of Command occurred immediately before the Labor Day Weekend. The private ceremony held at the PATRIOT Club. Friends around post gathered as we said a tearful goodbye to the Leday Family while welcoming the Tolbert Family (already a BOLC-B instructor) to Command.



Mrs. Tammy Tolbert (left) and Mrs. Tammy Leday (right) during the Change of Command

New "Cobra Six" CPT Stephen Tolbert (Below) addresses the crowd



In case you missed it, the "Night Hides Not!" Battalion held its FRG meeting last Thursday 1800 (6:00PM) at the Twin Oaks Bowling Center (TOBC) on Fort Sill! TOBC allowed the FRG to not only hold a meeting but hold a special "Family Fun Day" - Unlimited bowling for two hours with shoe rental for up to 6 people to include a one-topping pizza and two pitchers of soda. Soldiers and families that attended the meeting received information on how to transfer benefits via the Post 9-11 GI Bill as well as all the updated community event information prior to hitting the lanes!



(Above) Scenes from the Night Hides Not FRG Meeting SEP!

The next Battalion Hail & Farewell is scheduled for October 15th from 1800-2000 (6:00PM – 8:00PM). Location is Mike's Sport Grille!

The next FRG meeting will be held October 29th from 1800-1830 (6:00-6:30PM); then join us as we go through the MWR haunted trail! Note: smaller children go on the trail at 1730 (5:30PM)!



Get involved! Our FRG is in need of volunteers! We have a lot of planning to do for this year's holiday extravaganza! If you want to get involved please contact Mrs. Michelle Niedert @ michtj2000@yahoo.com <mailto:michtj2000@yahoo.com> or 580-492-5575. You can also contact MAJ Irvin R. Hawkins@irvin.hawkins@us.army.mil <mailto:irvin.hawkins@us.army.mil > or call 580-558-0577.

2-6 ADA BN- "Set the Standard"



B Battery, 2nd Battalion 6th Air Defense Artillery

"Hit'em Hard"



B Battery, 2-6 ADA has had another busy but great month. Since the end of July, we have graduated fourteen classes totaling 180 Soldiers. Currently, we have 548 AIT Soldiers that are stretched out over 42 day and night classes. The motivation of these Soldiers reverberates throughout the training campus around the clock. Day and night, the sounds of boots stomping across the ground, the Soldiers Creed echoing between the buildings, and the random calls of "at ease" signifies the continued presence of our cadre. This is proof positive of their dedication and success of these Soldiers. Long hours, demanding mission objectives, and little recognition is what our cadre have to endure, but with the knowledge that every Soldier they train goes forward as a Warrior to defend our rights and freedom, they endure it easily. The 1SG and I are very pleased with the way our cadre are training and leading our Soldiers. Keep up the hard work, be the example and set the standard!

1SG Wilfrid M. Chapdelaine B Battery 1SG

CPT Kyle L. Kirkpatrick
B Battery Commander

Way to go Bulldawgs!



Soldiers being thanked by the MSU football team after their win over SWOSU.

Soldiers from 6th ADA BDE supporting the Midwestern State University football game against Southwestern Oklahoma State University. There was 293 motivated Bulldawgs cheering MSU on to victory. Oh, yeah, final score 46-9!





3-6 ADA BN- "Right Starts Here!

There is a lot of good news from 3rd Battalion, 6th ADA this month, and I am so happy to bring that information to all of you. First, I would like to once again say how great it has been serving with all of the team members of 3-6 ADA. You all contribute greatly to what we do here, and I owe it to you to take a moment to say thank you for your support.

A big "Congratulations" goes out to Darlene Felicetti for being selected to represent 3-6 ADA at the Association of the United States Army conference in Washington, D.C. in October. I am sure you will all agree that her experience in and involvement with Family Readiness Groups makes her the perfect candidate to participate in all of the focus groups on our behalf!!

What a busy month! We kicked off with the Battalion Organizational Day at Ambrosia Park right before Labor Day Weekend...thanks to all of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Soldiers that made it a wonderful day for Soldiers and Families alike. Be on the lookout for video footage of the bat race on our Facebook page (3rd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery). It will be worth logging in just for the laughs.

Some of the 3-6 family spent the day working a community project for Roadback, Inc., fixing up a facility for individuals recovering from their addictions. SSG Walker, in conjunction with Arvest Bank, led the charge to repair buildings, clean up the property, and pour sidewalks. The end of the day was marked by a joint raising of a flag brought home from Iraq by SSG Walker. Thank you to all fourteen volunteers who assisted in that project. Each of the volunteers received a certificate of achievement from CSM Eagan and myself, and I promise, SSG Mormur and SSG Castillo, you have not been forgotten!

COL Stacey and CSM Pinkney joined us at our first Battalion awards ceremony this month, where we presented not only the certificates to our volunteers, but also awarded SFC Charles Nelson his Army Commendation Medal for being the Brigade and Fires Center Platoon Sergeant of the Year, and taking Runner-Up at the TRADOC competition. We will have our next ceremony just prior to Columbus Day, where we will recognize our Soldiers, NCOs and Instructors of the Quarters and Year.

As the summer comes to a close, we hail and farewell folks within our unit. Although she is still very much a part of 3-6 ADA, we would like to take the time to thank Maria Eagan for all of her hard work and dedication to the Army Air Defense Artillery Association as the Executive Secretary. As we recognize Maria for her diligent, steadfast work to the Association, we hail CSM(R) Dennis R Smith as the new Executive Secretary. As my father, he has obliged me to remind everyone that if you are not a member of the ADA Association, memberships are available. If you are interested, please call (831) 261-5800.

Finally, a quick thank you to Tara Curtin for her continued support to the ADA Association, as she has signed on to continue assisting the new regime as he completes his transition.

Thank you to all, and all the best until next month!

LTC Elizabeth Smith

Greetings to all our 3-6 family members.

I am writing to you from Monterey, California where a temperature above 70 degrees triggers a heat alert.

Congratulations to Tara Curtin and her Bravo Battery group for a most successful bake sale.

Please remember the Halloween Haunted trail as I am told the children have a fantastic time.

Soon begins our formal season what with the Santa Barbara Ball's and so many holiday get-togethers.

If you plan on having Thanksgiving at home instead of going to our BDE DFAC you may like to consider inviting a single Soldier (not trainee) or two to dinner. They don't have to say thank you as you can see the appreciation in their eyes, and it makes you feel good too.

Both Bravo and Charlie Batteries are busily preparing for their holiday parties as they expect a large turnout. I believe they are still trying to find a candidate for Santa.

We in the 3-6 family are truly blessed to have so many caring members and Maria and I sincerely appreciate each and every one of you.

Hugs and smiles to all;

Sun Smith and Maria Eagan

3-6 ADA Hails and Farewells

All of us here in the "Bear the Standard" Battalion want to welcome the following members to the team:

B Battery – SFC Armstrong, SSG Starr, SSG Brooks, SSG Reed, and SSG Marin

Finally, although it is bittersweet, we would like to say farewell to several members of our team as they depart 3-6 ADA. They are:

HQ/A Battery - MSG Luoma, SFC Vansant, SFC Rivera-Gonzalez, and SFC Jose Gonzalez

B Battery - SSG Dufrene

C Battery - SFC Nelson and SSG Key

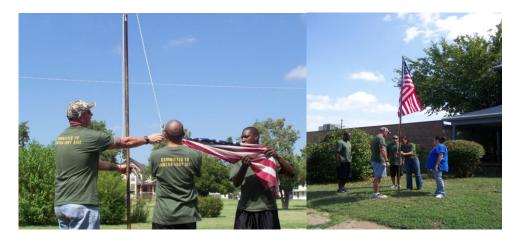
We wish you all the best of luck.



Bravo Battery's FRG pizza party was a wonderful opportunity to discuss issues and events while enjoying good food and great company.



The August Warrior FTX was a huge training success, thanks to the efforts of our staff and cadre.



We owe a sincere "thank you" to all of those who volunteered for the United Way Day of Caring. Here you see members of 3-6 replacing the tattered flag from Roadback Inc. with a new one to display proudly in front of their building.



Congratulations to HQ/A Battery for winning the Champions Trophy at our Battalion Organizational Day, and thank you to everyone who made it such a great event.



And, of course, thank you to whoever it was that gave CSM Eagan a proper dunking!



Hello Bravo Bulldogs!

Bravo Battery 3-6 FRG has had a wonderful September. We kicked off the month by hosting a Pizza Party Meet and Greet for our soldiers and families which turned out to be a great success! MWR donated gift certificates for free pizza, buckets of golf balls for the Fort Sill Golf Course and oil changes on post. Other free opportunity drawings included an ADA shirt and an Arbonne spa set. Soldiers and families were able to socialize with others from the unit outside of a work environment and the Meet and Greet allowed for the Battery Command Team and FRG to get to know our new soldiers and their loved ones. A survey was completed to give us an idea of what was wanted and needed from the FRG. We got AWESOME feedback and are going to strive to make many of the great ideas come to life!

On September 17th, our FRG held a Bake Sale at the PX and made over \$300! A big THANK YOU to all who contributed bake goods, who helped sell, and everyone who came out to purchase delicious homemade goodies! Also thank you to the employees of the PX for their help and support of this fundraiser. Proceeds are going to help fund our Holiday Party which will be taking place on Friday, December 3rd.

Our next event in the works is the Fort Sill Yard Sale. Our FRG will be participating in the October 2nd event located in the parking lot of Building 4700. Already we have a great deal of items donated including a bureau, desk, play house, baby clothes, adult clothes, vacuum and toys! A pricing party will be held on Thursday, September 30th to organize and price all of our treasures. If you are interested in helping out on September 30th or on October 2nd for the actual event, please contact me at bravobulldogs36@gmail.com.

The next FRG Meeting will be Wednesday, October 6th at 6:30 pm in Room #2 at the RecPlex. At the Meet and Greet, our families elected to have the date of meetings changed from the first Thursday of the month to the first Wednesday. We will have a brief presentation on Child and Youth Services along with a question and answer period. Hope all you Bulldogs can make it out!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

:)Tara Curtin B/3-6 FRG Leader bravobulldogs36@gmail.com









The Charlie Cobras started off the month of September participating in the Battalion Organizational day. Though our Cobras truly tried hard, we sadly did not bring home the trophy. We will be ready for a rematch next year HHB/A.

The Cobra FRG continued the month with our monthly FRG meeting. We used this month's meeting as an opportunity to plan for all of our upcoming fundraisers and events. It was a little chaotic with so many details to work out but thanks to everyone's patience, great ideas, and willingness to volunteer, we got the rest of our year planned out and then had time to sit back and enjoy some pizza and mini cheesecakes.

We would like to send out congratulations to a few of our Charlie Soldiers and their Families. SSG Smith for winning the Instructor of the Quarter for the Third Quarter, SSG Demps for winning the Battalion NCO of the Quarter, SSG Aldrich who graduated the Patriot Master Gunner Course, and last but not least SFC Nelson who was Runner Up for the TRADOC Platoon

Sergeant of the Year. We commend all you for your service and dedication to our Charlie 3-6 Battery and the United States Army.

September has been a great month for our Cobras and October holds great things as well for Charlie Battery. We look forward to participating in this falls Post Wide Garage Sale and don't miss us out on Butner Field on Oct. 29th for the Halloween Haunted Trail. It should prove to be an exciting month for the Battery.

" Strike Hard, Strike Fast"

Darlene Felicetti ☺ C 3-6 ADA FRG Leader 910-261-5691

In the Know

Combined Federal Campaign Launches

The Defense Department recently kicked off its 2010 Combined Federal Campaign, offering federal civilians and military members the opportunity to contribute to any

of more than 4,000 pre-screened charities. The campaign will continue through Dec.

15. CFC administrators and volunteers reach potential donors through more than

200 local organizations, and givers may contribute via cash, check, or payroll deduction.

Pledge forms are available through local coordinators and online at regional

CFC websites. For more information, visit the Combined Federal Campaign website at http://www.opm.gov/cfc/.

Hearing on Personality Disorder Discharges

The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs recently conducted a hearing to review how a military discharge of personality disorder can impact veterans' benefits. Separating servicemembers are unable to prove to the Department of Veterans Affairs that their condition is a result of military service. The hearing reviewed what

health care options and benefits are available to these veterans and other related topics. Prepared testimony and a link to the webcast of the hearing are available on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs website at http://veterans.house.gov/

hearings/hearing.aspx?newsid=622.

2011.

2010 - 2011 Max Tuition/Fee Rates for the Post 9/11 GI Bill

The maximum in-state tuition and fee rates are now available for the Post-9/11 GI
Bill. You can find the rates at the following link:
http://www.gibill.va.gov/gi_bill_info/ch33/tuition_an d_fees.htm. These rates are effective for training pursued on or after Aug. 1, 2010 through July 31,

Holiday Mail Deadlines

For those mailing packages to friends and loved ones in the military overseas, Christmas comes early. And Hanukkah comes even earlier.

It depends on how you plan to send it, but if it's traveling the slowest way — parcel post — mail that package by Nov. 12 to get it there by Dec. 25, according to recommended holiday shipping dates provided by the Military Postal Service Agency.

Hanukkah begins Dec. 1 this year, so you'll need to send it 24 days earlier — by Oct. 19 — if it's going parcel post.

Here are the other recommended mail deadlines. Subtract 24 days from each deadline to get it there in time for Hanukkah:

- Space Available Mail (SAM): Nov. 20 to contingency locations (APO/FPO/DPO AE Zip 093); all other overseas military locations by Nov. 26.
- Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL): Dec. 1 to contingency locations; all others by Dec. 3.
- Priority Mail: Dec. 4 to contingency locations; all others by Dec. 10.
- First-class cards and letters: Dec. 4 to contingency locations; all others by Dec. 10
- Express Mail Military Services: Not available to contingency locations; other locations by Dec. 18. Check with your local post office to determine if this service is available to a particular APO/FPO/DPO address.